




## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Governing Board

**FROM:**  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

**DATE:** July 12, 2006

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for construction of Compton High River Rest Stop.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a sole source contract with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for construction of Compton High River Rest Stop in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Legislative Authority: Joint Exercise of Powers Action (Public Resources Code Section 6500 *et seq.*)

Background: MRCA was awarded Proposition A grant funds for the purpose of park and open space development along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries, including Compton Creek. A small project is proposed for land at Compton High School including native plants, irrigation, hardscape in the form of paths and walls, installation of benches, drinking fountain, signage, and other site amenities.

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) is one of the largest independent non-profit agencies in the nation. LACC employs approximately 300 young adults and 2,200 junior high and high school students annually to serve the greater Los Angeles community through environmental enhancement and improvement projects. The MRCA collaborated with LACC on several prior projects, including the Lower Topanga Canyon Arundo Removal and Marsh Park projects.

Utilizing LACC for this project will help MRCA fulfill the Youth Employment Goal required by Proposition A. A sole source contract will enable the project to be substantially complete before the school year begins. LACC is currently preparing a construction cost estimate. The contract with LACC will not exceed \$300,000 without additional Board approval and authorization.